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REPLY Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 9, 2007, Applicants respectfully submit the following reply, constituted by amendments to the claims, and accompanying remarks urging the patentability of the claims.

(This reply is being filed on May 9, 2008 along with a petition for a three-month extension of time, and is therefore timely filed.)

AMENDMENT Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.